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I have been a Amateur Radio Operator since 1968, first licensed as WN2JLQ in Poughkeepsie, NY. Subsequently I have been licensed as KA3FJD, KD3AN and now as K6MKF. I have been active on CW, SSB and now on the new digital modes.

I support the Mark Miller petition as amended by the FCC. As digital technology advances, the Amateur Radio Service necessarily needs to advance its technology as well. The Amateur Radio Service has adapted in the past to new technologies and modes of transmission - phone, RTTY, SSB, FM, and ATV come immediately to mind as new modes that have been accomodated into the Service. Transmitting digital images now needs to take its place as an accepted transmission mode.

To expand the data definition to include all image emissions less than 500Hz I recommend the following data definition in 97.3(c) (2)

Data. Telemetry, telecommand and computer communications emissions having designators with A, C, D, F, G, H, J or R as the first symbol; 1 as the second symbol; D as the third symbol; emissions A1C, F2C, J2C, and J3C having an occupied bandwidth of 500 Hz or less, and J2D. Only a digital code of a type specifically authorized in this part may be transmitted.

Best regards,

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